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Ayurvedic studies in the College of Indigenous Medicine.

* 174 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of hours devoted to Ayurvedic studies in the College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras, has been reduced recently; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) (i) To avoid overlapping of the same subject-matter in different classes.

(ii) To avoid matter which is of no practical use to the would-be doctors in their practice."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know, Sir, what subjects were deleted from the course? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Indigenous midwifery and indigenous surgery."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know, Sir, whether these subjects were deleted for want of professors or for want of demand on the part of students? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Surgery and midwifery have advanced to a revolutionary extent. There is no meaning in teaching indigenous midwifery and surgery now."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Is it a fact that besides surgery, certain other items of Ayurveda which are very useful and very effective have been taken away? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. Whatever is useful and effective is retained."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Is it a fact that a knowledge of Sanskrit is not insisted on for the students? For the teaching of certain subjects, a knowledge of Sanskrit was insisted upon formerly, and may I know why it is not insisted upon now? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The qualification for admission to the course are ' Intermediate with Science '."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" In view of the suitability of Ayurvedic treatment to Indian health conditions and in view of the effective cures which it can effect in the case of certain diseases which even Allopathy cannot cure, will the Government constitute a committee to go into the whole question of establishing an Ayurvedic College and encouraging research in Ayurveda by awardihng liberal stipends? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government of India are conducting research in Ayurveda at Jamnagar. But I cannot say what the comparative value of the treatment in

Ayurveda and modern medicine is. Physicians following different systems claim to cure many diseases but not all diseases. Some diseases are probably cured, some are arrested and in certain other diseases all that can be done is to give some comfort to the patient."

Formation of a road from Vishnuvakkam to Red Hills.

* 175 Q.—SRI V. GURUNANDAN RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the proposals for the formation of a road from Vishnuvakkam to Red Hills, Tiruvellore Road, and the construction of a bridge across the Katangal stand at present;

(*b*) whether in connexion with this road and bridge, the Government received any representations in August and December 1952, and subsequently, from any of the villagers of Vishnuvakkam undertaking to form a road at their own expense for the convenience of the villagers; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Board of Revenue has been requested to ask the Collector of Chingleput to include the work under the 'Local Works' programme of the Tiruvellore National Extension Service Block and to take necessary action for its execution.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir. Representations, dated 19th August 1952 and 5th December 1952, had been received stating that the cost of the work will be met by the villagers.

" (*c*) The Board of Revenue has been instructed to take action as stated in answer to clause (*a*) above."

SRI V. GURUNANDAN RAO :—" May I know why there has been such a delay in dealing with such representations which were made in 1952? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Perhaps the hon. Member is also aware that there has been some litigation which must have caused this delay to some extent."

Recovery of money due to the workers of the Madras Electric Tramways, Limited.

* 176 Q.—SRI V. GURUNANDAN RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any application from the workers of the Madras Electric Tramways, Limited, for recoverinng moneys due to them under the award of the Special Industrial Tribunal, Madras (Mr. C. Narasimhalu);

(*b*) if so, when the application was received by Government; and